

Business Meeting Minutes

May 26, 2023



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Commission Members

Michael Bailey, Public Member
Christine Blake, Public Member
Toni Borlas, Public Member – Absent
Po-Shen Chang, MD – Absent
Jimmy Chung, MD, Chair
Diana Currie, MD
Karen Domino, MD, Chair Elect
Arlene Dorrough, PA-C
Anjali D’Souza, MD
Harlan Gallinger, MD

April Jaeger, MD
Ed Lopez, PA-C
Sarah Lyle, MD
Terry Murphy, MD, Officer at Large
Elisha Mvundura, MD
Robert Pullen, Public Member
Scott Rodgers, JD, Public Member
Claire Trescott, MD
Richard Wohns, MD
Yanling Yu, PhD, Public Member

WMC Staff in Attendance

Christine Babb, Investigator
Colleen Balatbat, Staff Attorney
Jennifer Batey, Legal Support Staff Manager
Alexander Bielaski, Case Manager
Amelia Boyd, Program Manager
Kayla Bryson, Executive Assistant
Jimi Bush, Director of Quality & Engagement
Adam Calica, Chief Investigator
Melanie de Leon, Executive Director
Joel DeFazio, Staff Attorney
Kelly Elder, Staff Attorney
Mike Farrell, Policy Development Manager
Gina Fino, MD, Investigator
Ryan Furbush, Paralegal
Rick Glein, Director of Legal Services

Jenelle Houser, Investigator
Ken Imes, Information Liaison
Kyle Karinen, Staff Attorney
Shelley Kilmer-Ready, Legal Assistant
Pam Kohlmeier, MD, JD, Attorney
Lisa Krynicki, Staff Attorney
Emma Mariantal, Licensing Lead
Stephanie Mason, Public Relations & Legislative Liaison
Micah Matthews, Deputy Executive Director
Fatima Mirza, Program Case Manager
Freda Pace, Director of Investigations
Stormie Redden, Legal Assistant
Chris Waterman, Complaint Intake Manager
Mahi Zeru, Equity & Social Justice Manager

Others in Attendance

Marlon Basco-Rodillas, Department of Health (DOH)
Chris Bundy, MD, Executive Medical Director, Washington Physicians Health Program (WPHP)
Heather Cantrell, Policy Analyst, DOH

Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General
Shani Hue, DOH
John Maldon, Public Member, Pro Tem
Hillary Norris, Policy Analyst, Washington State Medical Association (WSMA)

1.0 Call to Order

Jimmy Chung, MD, Chair, called the meeting of the Washington Medical Commission (WMC) to order at 8:00 a.m. on May 26, 2023.

2.0 Public Comment

Linda Henegar, provided comments regarding the WMC's interpretive statement on opioid prescribing.

3.0 Chair Report

Dr. Chung reported that several staff and Commissioners attended the recent Federation of State Medical Boards annual meeting.

Dr. Chung announced that Dr. Mabel Bongmba had recently resigned from the WMC and so there is a vacancy for Congressional District 9. He thanked Dr. Bongmba for her time as a Commissioner.

4.0 Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda contained the following items for approval:

4.1 Minutes from the May 25-26, 2023 Business Meeting

4.2 Agenda for May 26, 2023.

The April 14, 2023, Business Meeting minutes were pulled from the Consent Agenda to change the word Expedited to Emergency on a rules request.

Motion: The Chair entertained a motion to approve the revised Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Motion: The Chair entertained a motion to approve the change to the April 14, 2023, Business Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Motion: The Chair entertained a motion to approve the revised April 14, 2023, Business Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

5.0 New Business

5.1 New Meeting Protocol

Amelia Boyd, Program Manager, gave an overview of changes to the meeting schedule and reported that Business meetings and Policy meetings will be virtual.

5.2 Policy Committee & Business Meeting Dates for 2023

Ms. Boyd presented the revised schedule for Business and Policy meetings for the remainder of 2023. Ms. Boyd presented some proposed changes to the dates. The Commissioners discussed the presented dates and proposed changes. After discussion, the following changes were made:

Move Personal Appearances from Friday, July 14 to July 13 after Case Disposition.

Move the Policy Committee meeting from July 13 to July 5 at 4 pm.

Move the July 14 Business meeting from virtual to in person.

Motion: The Chair entertained a motion to approve the 2023 dates as revised. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

5.3 Policy Committee & Business Meeting Dates for 2024

Ms. Boyd presented the revised schedule for Business and Policy meetings for 2024.

Motion: The Chair entertained a motion to approve the 2024 meeting schedule as presented. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

5.4 Policy Committee & Business Meeting Dates for 2025

Ms. Boyd presented the revised schedule for Business and Policy meetings for 2025.

Motion: The Chair entertained a motion to approve the 2025 meeting schedule as presented. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

6.0 Old Business

6.1 Committee/Workgroup Reports

These reports were provided in writing and included in the meeting packet. There were no additional reports.

6.2 Rulemaking Activities

The rulemaking progress report was provided in the meeting packet. In addition to the written report the following requests were made:

Ms. Boyd requested the WMC initiate the next step in the rulemaking process, Proposed Rulemaking or CR-102, for [ESSB 5229](#) – Health Equity Continuing Education.

Motion: The Chair entertained a motion to initiate rulemaking. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Micah Matthews, Deputy Executive Director, requested the WMC initiate standard rulemaking for [WAC 246-919-330](#). Mr. Matthews provided some background on this issue and information to support initiating rulemaking.

Motion: The Chair entertained a motion to initiate rulemaking. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Mr. Matthews also requested that the Commissioners approve enforcement discretion for those applications from allopathic physicians (MDs) that do not have the 24 consecutive months as required in WAC 246-919-330 but otherwise meet all requirements for full licensure, that WMC staff may still issue a license.

Motion: The Chair entertained a motion to approve the enforcement discretion. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

6.3 Bylaws

Mr. Matthews presented revisions to the WMC's Bylaws and provided some background on the proposed changes.

Motion: The Chair entertained a motion to approve the enforcement discretion. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

6.4 The following lists and labels request was discussed for possible approval or denial. Approval or denial of this request is based on whether the entity meets the requirements of a "professional association" or an "educational organization" as noted on the application ([RCW 42.56.070\(9\)](#)).

- CI Health Group, LLC

Motion: The Chair entertained a motion to deny the request. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

7.0 Policy Committee Report

Christine Blake, Public Member, Policy Committee Chair, asked Mike Farrell, Policy Development Manager to report on the items discussed at the Policy Committee meeting held on May 25, 2023. The agenda was as follows:

Guidance Document: A Collaborative Approach to Reducing Medical Error and Enhancing Patient Safety

Ms. Blake stated the Committee tabled any action on this document for now. She asked Mike Farrell, Policy Development Manager, to provide additional information for this document. Mr. Farrell explained that the Foundation for Health Care Quality (the Foundation) recently received funding to hire someone to run the Communication and Resolution Program (CRP) certification process. He went on to say that the WMC would like to reassess their relationship with the Foundation and wait until the new person is onboard with the CRP certification process. The document will then be revised and brought back to a future meeting. He stated a workgroup may be formed to complete this work. No action was taken on this item.

Procedure: Processing CRP Certified Cases

This document was not reviewed and no action was taken on this item.

8.0 Member Reports

No member reports were provided.

9.0 Staff Reports

The reports below are in addition to the written reports that were included in the meeting packet.

Freda Pace, Director of Investigations, introduced and welcomed Alex Bielaski to the Complaint Intake Unit as the Case Manager. Mr. Bielaski gave a brief work history and stated he looks forward to working with the WMC.

Mr. Matthews gave an update on the recent legislative session. He reported the WMC will likely need to create something similar to a delegation agreement to allow Optometrists to have emergency medical care access for their expanded scope procedures.

10.0 AAG Report

Heather Carter, AAG, had nothing to report.

11.0 Leadership Elections

11.1 Restatement of Nominating Committee Report

April Jaeger, MD, Committee Chair, restated the nominees for leadership as follows:

- Chair – Karen Domino, MD
- Vice Chair – Terry Murphy, MD
- Officer-at-Large
 - April Jaeger, MD

- Ed Lopez, PA-C
- Richard Wohns, MD

11.2 Nominations From the Floor

Dr. Chung called for nominations for all positions from the panel of Commissioners. None were given.

11.3 Election of Leadership

Dr. Chung called for a vote for Karen Domino, MD, for Chair.

Dr. Domino was elected unanimously.

Dr. Chung called for a vote for Terry Murphy, MD, for Vice Chair.

Dr. Murphy was elected unanimously.

Dr. Chung asked Ms. Boyd to do a roll call vote for the Officer-at-Large position.

Ed Lopez, PA-C was elected by majority vote.

12.0 Installation of WMC Chair

12.1 Remarks by Outgoing Chair

Dr. Chung stated that it has been a great honor and privilege to serve as the Chair of the WMC. It has been a humbling experience for him. He spoke about the challenges over the last year going from virtual to in-person meetings. He said the WMC has emerged better and stronger than ever. He stated he appreciates the WMC's focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion. He thanked Ms. de Leon for her work as the Executive Director and thanked the staff for making it so easy for him to be the Chair. He thanked all the Commissioners for their trust and who he's had the privilege to meet and learn from. "The honor of serving as Chair for the Commission has been one of the high points of my career as a physician."

12.2 Installation of Medical Commission Chair by Outgoing Chair

Dr. Chung stated that he admires Dr. Domino as both a physician and as a leader. "She will bring new ideas while preserving the core of what we are about."

12.3 Remarks by Incoming Chair

Dr. Domino thanked Dr. Chung and stated it has been an honor to serve with him and learn from him. She stated she appreciates the staff and has been impressed with the changes over the five years she has been on the Commission. She stated her passion is patient safety and it's for all patients. "Taking care of all patients and providing safety regardless of race, ethnicity, or social economic status, whether they are incarcerated or not is really critically important." She said that enhancing patient safety includes research, guidance, and education of physicians and physician assistants. "I am honored to serve."

13.0 Adjournment

The Chair called the meeting adjourned at 9:34 am.

Submitted by

(signature on file)

Amelia Boyd, Program Manager

(signature on file)

Karen Domino, MD, Chair
Washington Medical Commission

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